

Amendments To The English translation document:

In the English translation document, please amend the title at page 1 line 3, as follows:

MODULAR SYSTEM FOR AN OPTICAL ~~BACKPLANE~~ REAR PANEL BUS

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

This application claims priority to the German application No. 10335036.5, filed August 1, 2003 and to the International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007738, filed July 13, 2004 which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION- -

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 5-10, as follows:

The present invention relates to a modular system regarding a rear panel bus. ~~The invention specifically relates to a backplane according to the preamble of claim 1, a module according to the preamble of claim 5, a modular system according to the preamble of claim 9 as well as a method for addressing such modules according to the preamble of claim 12.~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 11, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 2 line 35 as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF INVENTION- -**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 lines 2-5, as follows:

The An object of the present invention is therefore to provide a modular system regarding a rear panel bus which ~~allow~~ allows for easy data communication and autoaddressing via a common medium. ~~The object is further to provide a corresponding modular system.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 lines 7-10, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims ~~backplane having the features set forth in claim 1, the module having the features set forth in claim 5, and the modular system having the features set forth in claim 9.~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 34, as follows:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS- -**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 4 line 10, as follows:

**-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION - -**